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1. Przedsiębiorstwo Robot Telekomunikacyjnych (Telecommunications Work Enterprise) (PRT) has branches throughout Poland. The Gdansk Branch services the following areas: Ustzyn, Bydgoszcz, Koszalin, Szczecin. The office in Gdansk is near the main Post Office in the neighborhood of the railroad station. It is a wooden and brick structure about 50 meters long and 5 meters high.

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3. The Gdansk Branch employs 24 persons. Its equipment is located in two supply stores, one of which, on ul. Olszynskiego, Gdansk-Orunia, contains cables, telephone pole crossbars, insulators, hooks and other equipment. The other supply depot, which contains all sorts of light and precision equipment such as telephones, telephone tapping parts, wires, tools and raw material such as zinc, is located on ul. Kartuska, Gdansk.
4. The crews which work in the field are called columns. They are of two types. Survey Columns are used to build above-surface "T" lines. There are 24 surface teams of 14 to 18 members attached to the Gdansk Branch. Each surface team has one foreman, a deputy foreman, a locksmith-blacksmith, an accountant and 10 to 14 laborers who dig post holes, place poles, fit insulators and string wires. The surface teams also install loudspeaker systems in public areas.
5. The second type of team, the Cable Columns, only lay underground cables. The Gdansk branch has six such groups, each with about 20 persons. A Cable Column has a foreman, deputy foreman, 2 to 3 workmen who fit the cable after a ditch has been dug and the cable laid, and about 17 laborers.
6. PRT salaries fall into seven groups. Any team member working in the field received a per diem allowance of 15 Zloty per day, plus 8 Zloty for quarters. If the field assignment lasted more than four days at one place, the quarters allowance was reduced to four Zloty per day.
7. In order to be employed by PRT a life history form had to be filled out in front of a Labor Office Commission; a petition of acceptance had to be

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submitted with two photographs attached. The commission then decided upon the suitability of the applicant. If accepted, he was forced to sign an agreement concerning the secrecy of the work he was to do.

8. The Gdansk crew built a surface "T" line connecting the Naval base in Oliwa, the city of Gdansk, the military barracks and airfield in Wrzeszcz and the Pruszcz airfield. A short underground cable between the airfield at Pruszcz and the town was also in existence. These communications facilities fell under the scope of the secrecy agreement enforced upon the PRT employees.

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